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TO : Chief, WH

FROM : Chief ☐

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— MIAMI

REFS: HRP-2345, 13 July 1955
HCP-1348, 7 April 1955
Pacy 2119, 21 April 1955
DIR 49671, 22 April 1955
TOM 1556, 2 March 1951

1. On 23 August 1955, MIAMI told ☐ that he had been approached by Marcel HARRICK, aka Marcellus HARRICK, who said that he was a friend of Donald LANGSHAW and that he, (HARRICK) would appreciate it if MIAMI while on his trip to Lima, Peru, in the near future would visit a man named Moises MIER Y TERAN at Calle Talara, 636, telephone 3-3630. HARRICK requested that MIAMI give this man a slip of paper with the message, "Saludos de Marcel HARRICK". On the other side of the same slip of paper was "Alberto ESTIMARI, Central Transport SA, Calle Correo 169, Oficina 403, En frente del Correo en Lima, Peru.", and HARRICK suggested that MIAMI should also introduce himself to this man.
2. Subject then asked HARRICK what the background of these men were and he was only told that MIER Y TERAN had at one time been high in the Secret Police set-up in Lima but that the United States Government had put pressure on the Peruvian Government and had gotten MIER Y TERAN fired because of MIER Y TERAN's connection with narcotics traffic. When subject asked HARRICK if it was true that MIER Y TERAN had been so involved HARRICK said that it was true and that furthermore, if subject was willing, a lot of money could be made like that but that that would be up to MIER Y TERAN and others. HARRICK then said that he knew that MIAMI could travel freely with little risk since he (MIAMI) was an official of an airline.

FIELD COMMENT: As shown in Ref. PACY 2119, 21 April 1955, HARRICK had approached MIAMI in April 1955 with the proposition that MIAMI smuggle him out of the country for \$250.00. MIAMI reported this fact at that time.

3. Subject then/

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3. Subject then asked [] what he should do but stated that if this Station wanted him to contact MIER Y TERAN and ESEENARI, we would have to promise him that we would backstop him to the extent of his contacts with them in that if it was reported to the US authorities that Subject had contacted persons suspected of narcotic smuggling it would not jeopardize his future as far as his relations with the US went.

FIELD COMMENT: Subject has repeatedly stated that he received a "raw deal" in his "previous dealings" with American Intelligence and referred to his "transactions with Gomez and the Falangist affair."

There is on file at the HIALCA, a memo dated 23 June 1942, that Subject had volunteered himself for purposes of obtaining information from the Spanish Legations in Panama and Costa Rica for the Canal Zone authorities. The memo states that this proposition had been tentatively approved by the Chief of HIALCA.

There is also a copy of a letter written by Subject, shortly after the memo referred to above, to his wife wherein Subject states that it was distasteful for him to deal with Luis but that he would do so for the best interests of the Canal Zone. Under the copy of this letter there appears a notation attempting to identify this Luis with one Luis GOMEZ, a smuggler and Falangist.

No other explanation or memos are to be found in relation to this "tentative arrangement" but it is of interest to note that from that time on Subject has been known as a "Falangist".

Subject was promised that we would back stop him to the extent asked for and he has stated that he will go to Peru and that he will contact MIER Y TERAN and ESEENARI and will listen to their proposition. Subject subsequently asked what he should do in the event that he is asked to smuggle any packages on his way back to Panama and has been told by [] to accept the package but that members of this Station would want to see the contents of the parcel prior to his delivering it if it is at all possible. Subject said that he will advise [] in advance of his arrival date back in Panama, if possible, and will hand [] the parcel, again if at all possible.

4. Before having been given the answers to his questions on MIER Y TERAN and ESEENARI and the possibilities of his having to smuggle any parcels back to Panama, on 25 August 1955, Subject called [] and told him that he had received another proposition of a "frightening" nature. He was approached

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on 25 August 1955 by a man who called himself Nick FEKETE. From the description of this man and from a later contact it has been established that this man is identical with Domokos FEKETE, aka Domingo FEKETE. FEKETE had put the following proposition up to HYAMI:

If HYAMI could obtain for FEKETE, a Panamanian or Colombian passport he would pay subject \$5,000.00 for such a document. In addition he wanted Subject to smuggle him into Colombia and from there to Bolivia where he would contact one Frederick (Friedrich) VON SCHWEND (SCHWEND) and obtain from SCHWEND an amount of platinum that he and Subject would then carry to Curacao where they would turn over the platinum to an unnamed Swiss diplomat, who would carry the platinum to Switzerland by diplomatic pouch. This Swiss diplomat would then pay FEKETE \$15,000.00 (US) out of which Subject would get \$5,000.00 (US). This operation would be repeated several times and the pay-off would always be approximately the same. FEKETE said that the amount of platinum for each trip would be around 30 lbs. FEKETE then told Subject that although he would not be introduced to VON SCHWEND he would be introduced to one Colonel Americo VARGAS who would be fully aware of the connection between Subject, Fekete, Von Schwend and himself (Vargas). FEKETE warned Subject that no mention of narcotics should be made to VARGAS but that VARGAS would understand the entire picture. When Subject asked FEKETE what narcotics had to do with platinum he was not answered except with a wry smile.

5. On 27 August 1955, Subject was called by FEKETE again and shown a letter that had been obviously filed in some folder (holes punched on top) dated August 1955, 21 (date last) from one Ing. Yaro BENEDET, Casilla 2004, La Paz, Bolivia to one Domokos Fekete Vargas Urnak. The letter was written in Hungarian but had so many numbers and figures that Subject was able to make out that it apparently stated the measurements of certain geographical locations in Bolivia. In parts it explained that there was a certain amount of metric distances between these points. It asked if FEKETE could account for these differences. The amount 30 lbs as equalling 75,000 feet in some unexplained relation, was shown in the letter. FEKETE then told Subject that he (FEKETE) was going to go to Paitilla Airport (also known as M. Gelabert Airport) in Paitilla, Panama on Monday 29 August 1955 and take a light plane to the island of Ailigandi in the San Blas group and from there "in a couple of days" go to Cartagena, Colombia, by launch. In Cartagena, Colombia he (FEKETE) had a contact that could obtain a Colombian passport for him and that then he could go to La Paz and meet with BENEDET. That he would pass himself as a Geologist and in that manner contact BENEDET with little risk. He (FEKETE) told Subject that he would advise him of developments by cable and/or mail or phone, using the name BLACK as that was the meaning of FEKETE in Hungarian. He told Subject that if Subject wanted to join him in the operation at that time or any future time he would be welcome. Subject (at the instructions of) told FEKETE that he

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could not see his way clear at this time to do so but that he would reply to FEKETE's messages. Subject departed Panama for Lima, Peru on 30 August 1955 and expects to return 2 September 1955.

SOURCE COMMENT:

Regarding his conversations with FEKETE, Subject suspected one of three possibilities. These are: (a) FEKETE is insane and/or has been reading too many mystery novels, (b) He is in on something big and may want a "fall-guy" or perhaps is sincere about needing a man with Subject's background and potentialities, or (c) FEKETE is working for [] cover organization and trying to "check-up" on him (RYAH). Although this third possibility is fantastic and [] has made an attempt to make Subject understand it, Subject is still suspicious because he is sure that on his meeting with FEKETE on 27 August 1955, he was being watched by "an American that looked too much like an intelligence agent." The description given by Subject of this American matches that of an agent for HIAFFIL. This possibility will be investigated by this Station.

FIELD COMMENT:

Subject was asked by [] what his motivation was in supplying him [] with all this information. Subject answered that it was his opinion that anyone who thought that he could live in this hemisphere and not be under the control of the United States Government was stupid. That he therefore wanted to co-operate with the US for two reasons. The first is that he feels that the US is "the right side" and the second being that he was thinking of his personal interests since he had to live in this hemisphere.

This Station has no records on the following persons: Donald LANGSHAW; Frederick VON SCHWEND; Americo VARGAS; Alberto ESKENARI; Moises XIER Y TERAN or Yare ENEDET.

This Station has the following information regarding the other names mentioned in this dispatch:

Danabos FEKETE: In TFM-W-1556 dated 2 March 1951, FEKETE is described as a possible Russian Intelligence Agent born in Hungary on 29 November 1924. It states that FEKETE offered his services to ODENVY on 11 October 1950, claiming that he had been on a Czech espionage mission to Central America and the United States.

Dr. Dominik ERCE, Psychiatrist employed at the Matias Hernandez Insane Asylum in Panama City, R.P., told [] that FEKETE tried to commit

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suicide in the early part of 1955 at the International Hotel in Panama City. Dr. BROCK stated that the records at Matias Hernandez Insane Asylum showed that it was the opinion of the attending Psychiatrist, Dr. Wm. GRI, that the attempt was a faked one that nearly succeeded and that FREITE is a psychopathic personality who will do anything for money and/or the limelight although he is the perfect type for a "con-man" and has the potentialities to infiltrate closely knit societies.

Marcel HARRICK, aka Marcelis HERRICK: Arrived in Panama from Guayaquil on 24 March 1955, carrying a Latvian passport #001082 issued at Washington, on 15 October 1954, showing his birthplace as Russia and his occupation as "industrial" (sic). He stated that he planned to depart for Santo Domingo in thirty days but no record of his departure has appeared to date. At that time he offered Subject \$250.00 if Subject would smuggle him into Colombia. This was reported by Subject at the time. Attached herewith are Verifax copies of a letter, for Washington only, mailed to HARRICK from CENTRAL IMPORT SA, Calle Correo 169, Office 409, Lima, Peru. (The street address is identical with that given by Subject as the address of Alberto ESKENARI.)

7. Further checks are being made with other local agencies and Headquarters will be kept advised of any new information resulting from these checks as well as of all developments.
8. It is requested that a name check be conducted by addressees on the persons mentioned in this dispatch. Any advice which Headquarters can give concerning future handling of this matter will be greatly appreciated. It is suggested that Headquarters advise OPAID and ODAIOE of pertinent parts of this dispatch.

31 August 1955

Attachment:
Verifax copy of letter

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